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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR NON-NIGERIAN PASSENGERS

The Nigeria Immigration Service wishes to inform the general Public of the following Entry requirements for all Non-Nigerian Passengers travelling to Nigeria.

#### The requirements are:

- a. ECOWAS Community citizens and countries with visa abolition agreement with Nigeria require no visa for entry to Nigeria. They however must enter with valid travel documents and through approved entry point.
  - b. Holders of African Union Passport desiring to enter Nigeria on short visits can obtain visa upon arrival at any of the Five (5) International Airports.
  - c. Holders of valid Diplomatic/Official Passport from countries with which Nigeria has Visa waiver agreement can enter Nigeria without Visa through approved entry point.
2. Visas such as for Residence, Temporary Work Permit, and Dependents are to be obtained at our Embassies/Consular Missions or Visa Processing Centers, before commencing such journey to Nigeria.
  3. All other passengers who are not holders of passport of member countries of ECOWAS and Africa Union applying for Business purpose will apply for Visa on Arrival vide [portal.immigration.gov.ng](http://portal.immigration.gov.ng) and **must** obtain approval online, before commencement of journey to Nigeria.
  4. All categories of applicants that require Visa for entry into Nigeria are expected to pay online, since cash payment is not allowed.
  5. The Service position on this statement has been communicated to all Airlines and the International Airports for compliance. Airlines will not allow passengers to board without complying with the conditions stated.
  6. The Comptroller General of Immigration, **Muhammad Babandede MFR**, hereby calls on genuine investors and other categories of travellers to Nigeria to take advantage of the innovation as it improves Migration, transparency and security in our Operations.

Signed

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# 13 things you should know about Nigeria's new Visa policy

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President Muhammadu Buhari, Tuesday, officially launched the Nigerian Visa Policy 2020. This is according to a statement by Mrs Grace Njoku, Chief Information Officer in the Ministry of Interior.

The President, while performing the presentation at the State House, Abuja, said the initiative would attract innovation, specialised skills and knowledge from abroad to complement local capacity. He emphasised the gains of the new visa policy and we have them highlighted below:

1. The Nigerian Visa Policy 2020 is to support the attainment of a globally competitive economy for the country.
2. It is a pathway to achieving the Security, Economy and Transparency agenda of Buhari's administration.
3. The policy would improve the business environment, attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and boost tourism.
4. The policy will not compromise National Security.
5. It will introduce the issuance of visa at the point of entry into Nigeria to all persons holding passports of African countries.
6. The operation of the Nigerian Visa Policy is cardinal to the Ease of Doing Business in Nigeria
7. The new regime is expected to boost economic activities in the areas of tourism, aviation, entertainment, commerce and other areas where Nigeria has comparative advantage over other African countries.
8. It presents Nigeria with the opportunity to apply the principle of reciprocity with her visa policy in the nation's bilateral and multilateral relations.
9. It will provide jobs for the people as well as lift Nigeria's teeming population out of poverty:
10. The NVP 2020 introduces special visas for Nigerians in diaspora who either by birth, marriage or nationalization have assumed dual citizenship.
11. Nigerians in diaspora will now be able to make use of the passports of their adopted countries to visit Nigeria without the need for short stay visa.
12. Features of NVP 2020 include an increase in the classes of visas from 6 to 79.
13. The NVP 2020 also created visa codes for all classes of visa and introduction of e-visas.

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